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LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS

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RHODE ISLAND – NARRAGANSETT BAY – SAKONNET RIVER –Bridge Construction - Construction of the new Route 24 (Sakonnet River) Bridge at mile 12.2, across the Sakonnet River between Tiverton and Portsmouth, Rhode Island, has commenced and will continue until approximately **May 2011**. A temporary floating trestle system will be constructed across the waterway extending from the Portsmouth and Tiverton shorelines to the two main piers on each side of the navigation channel. A safe work zone has been established for construction activities to minimize risk to vessels transiting the area. The safe work zone begins, from the north, at the old railroad bridge and extends approximately 800' south of the old Route 24 (Sakonnet River) Bridge. The safe work zone will be delineated by white lighted buoys extending from each side of the channel to the shoreline. Three work barges will be located within the safe work zone: one 250 x 72 barge, two 150 x 50 barges. A temporary navigation channel has also been established to allow vessels to transit through the safe work zone. The temporary navigation channel is marked with green buoys (15A, 15B, & 15C) on the west side of the temporary channel, and red buoys (16A, 16B, & 16C) on the east side. Vessels transiting through the safe work zone must stay within the marked temporary channel and proceed at their slowest safe speed to minimize wake. The contractors, Cashman Equipment Corp and Cardi Corporation, workboats will be monitoring VHF channel 11 should you need to contact them. RIDOT's Project Engineer, Mr. Larry Bailey can be contacted at (401) 816-0991